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Thirtieth Annual Alumni Association Homecoming

March 27-30, 1997



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Huntsville, Alabama

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National Alumni Association

WELCOMES ALUMNI AND FRIENDS
TO THE
30TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING



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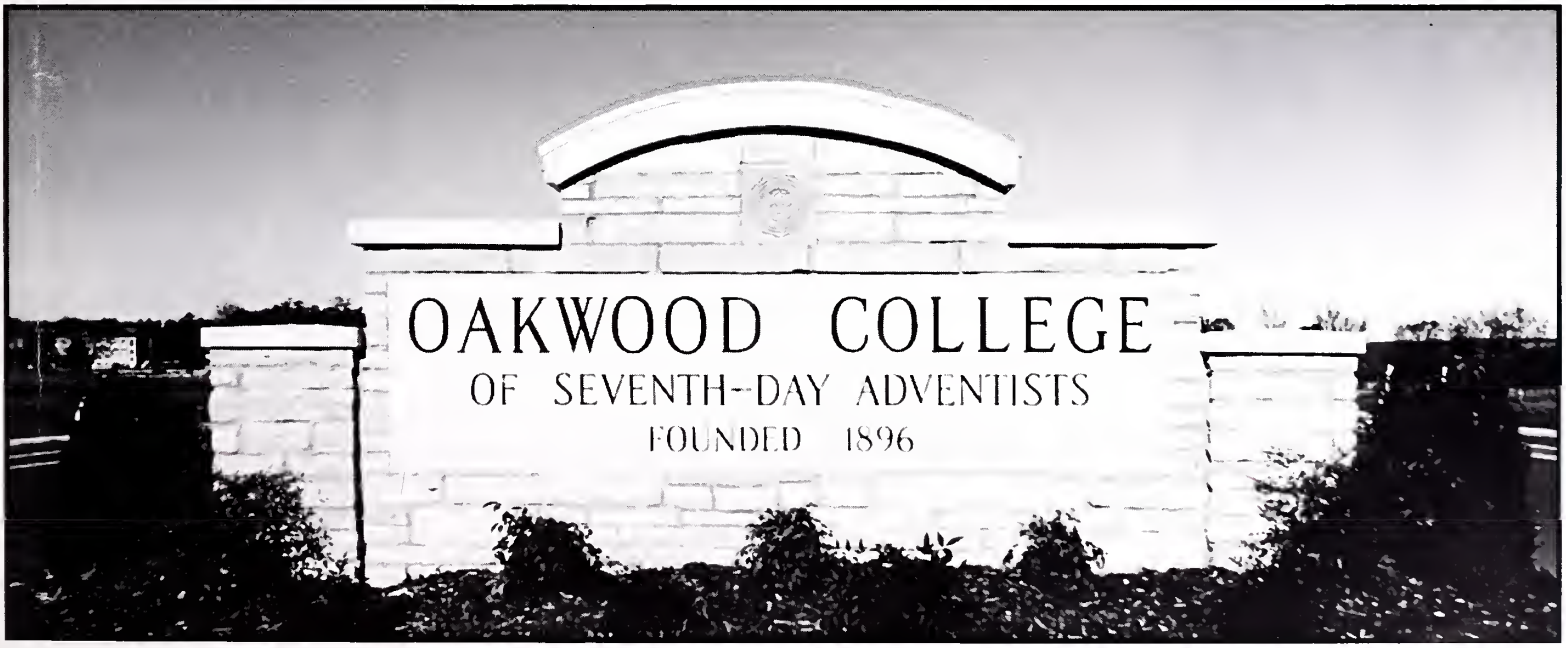
and to our

Beautiful Campus

Campus Highlights

- Festive Atmosphere
- Inspirational Music
- Christ-centered seminars, lectures, workshops, etc.
- O.C. Alumni Village
- Centennial sales (Memorabilia)
- Food/Refreshment Units
- Award winning campus beautification features, etc.

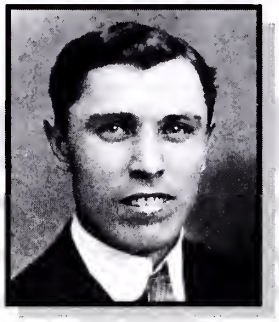
Come and See!



PRESIDENTS



J.L. Beardsley
1917-1923



J.A. Tucker
1923-1932



J.L. Moran
1932-1945



F.L. Peterson
1945-1954



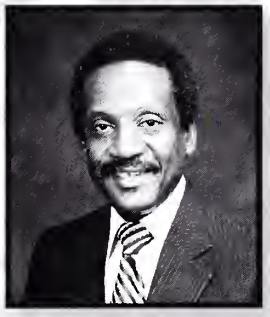
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1954-1963



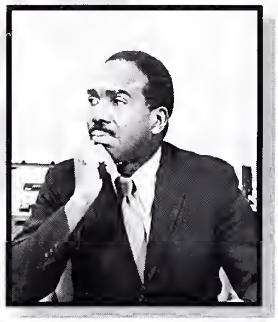
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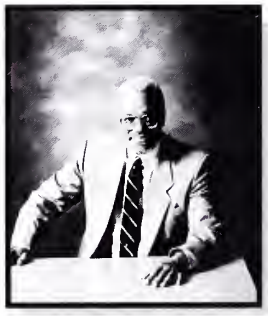
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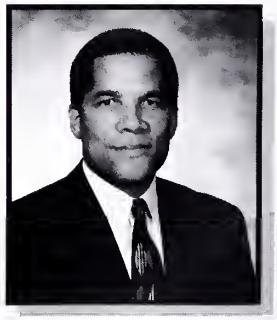
C.B. Rock
1971-1985



E.A. Cooper
Interim Fall 1985



B.F. Reaves
1985-1996



D.W. Baker
1996-Present

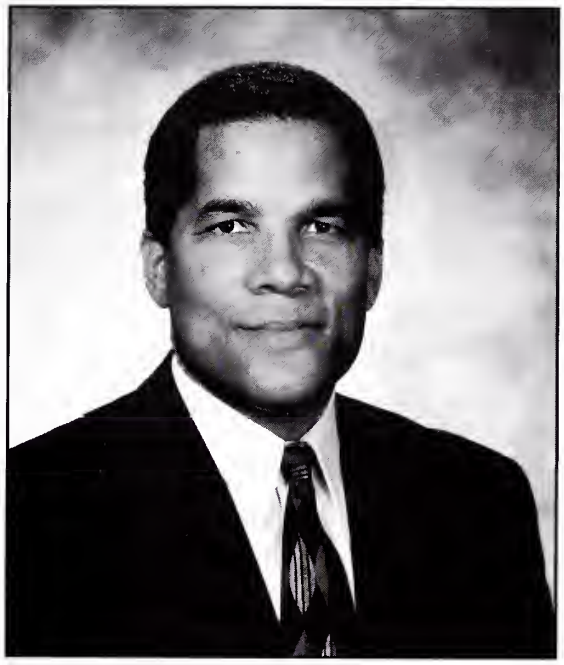
101 Years of Excellence in Christian Education

Oakwood's New President

Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D., a native of Oakland, California, is the l0th president of Oakwood College. Prior to assuming office (November 17, 1996), Dr. Baker served as Special Assistant to the President and Director of Diversity at Loma Linda University, a health science institution located in Loma Linda, California. During his tenure, besides administrative duties, he was a professor and taught in four of the six schools on campus.

His education includes: West Indies College Academy, Mandeville, Jamaica, 1968; Oakwood College Academy where he graduated in l97l; Oakwood College, B.S., 1975; Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, M.Div., in counseling and pastoral administration, 1978; Howard University, Ph.D., in organizational communication, 1992.

Dr. Baker brings a rich background of professional experience which includes work as a pastor in Ohio and Virginia. He has served as editor of the *Message Magazine*, located at the Review & Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland. During his seven years as editor of the *Message Magazine*, the journal realized a dramatic increase in circulation and international readership. As a researcher and writer, Dr. Baker has written scores of articles, developed training modules, and delivered hundreds of professional presentations. He is the author of six books: *Telling the Story* (An Anthology), 1996; *Make us One (Editor)*, 1995; *Secret Keys (Editor)*, 1993; *Profiles of Service* (Coauthor), 1990; *From Exile to Prime Minister, 1988 (translated into Portuguese, 1992),The Unknown Prophet*, 1986. He has also worked as a counselor and was an instructor at Howard University.



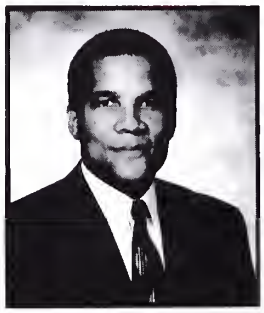
Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D.,

Dr. Baker served on numerous committees and boards including: Loma Linda University Board of Trustees (1992-96); Oakwood College Board of Trustees (1987-92); Kettering Medical Center Board of Trustees (1982-85); North American Division Committee (1990-92); General Conference Committee (1988-92); Regional Presidents' Council (1985-92); Review & Herald Administrative Committee (l985-92). He is a member of many professional organizations such as The American Society of Training and Development, National Association of Black Journalists, National Communications Association, Trans-Africa Organization, and the American Management Association.

Among his many awards are: Who's Who Among African-Americans, 1996-97; NAFEO Education for Alumni Distinction, 1992; Associated Press Award of Excellence, 1989, 1991; Marquis Who's Who in America, 1989-92; International Who's Who, 1990; Who's Who in Black America, 1990; Editorial Awards, 1987-92; Outstanding Young Men of America, 1985; Oakwood College Alumnus of the Year, 1985. He has also received many journalism, community, and civic service citations.

President Baker has traveled to five continents with visits to 26 nations in Africa. His hobbies include mountain climbing, running marathons, and collecting world currencies. He is married to Susan Lee Baker, a graduate of Oakwood College and Loma Linda University. Mrs. Baker is a registered Physical Therapist and a Certified Specialist in Geriatric Physical Therapy. She is a candidate for a doctorate in the Allied Health area. The Bakers have three sons: David 19, Benjamin 17, and Jonathan 14.

Presidents Welcome



March 28, 1997

Dear Alumni, Friend and Supporter:

Welcome to the 30th Annual Homecoming weekend. It is a privilege to greet each of you to Oakwood College and to the city of Huntsville. We have planned, worked, and prayed that this weekend will be pleasant, informative, and of course, spiritually enriching.

Year after year we have visited Homecoming Weekend in the past. However, this weekend takes on special meaning. This is the first time that my wife, Susan, and I have had to greet you since accepting the responsibility to be President of Oakwood College. Now it is our privilege to serve you in this special capacity. Please let us or any of the faculty and staff know if there is a way we can serve you better.

In your plans for the weekend, please include a visit to the Oakwood College campus. We have arranged tours, events, activities, and then the featured attraction, the new Alumni Village—held on the track field area behind the gym. This area contains all vendors and eating places for your convenience. So please, don't leave town without visiting the Alumni Village and our beautiful campus. I'm sure it will inspire you and bring back warm memories.

Finally, there are some exciting, progressive, and spiritual plans in store for Oakwood College as we journey to the 21st century. We take the charge to train your sons, daughters, and others very seriously. We want them to receive the best education possible to prepare them for service in this life and the life to come. So, we encourage you to entrust them to our care. Please keep us in your prayers and support.

Success and continued blessings to you.

Very sincerely,

Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D.
President



Welcome alumni and visiting friends of Oakwood College to the 30th Annual Homecoming. We consider you as distinguished guest; we are proud of your achievements, we are grateful for our presence, and we salute your sacrifice and the support you have given our College through the years.

This weekend is yours to enjoy. God bless you in every way and keep the spirit of Oakwood alive in your prayers and in your hear.

Chlora M. Jones, President
National Alumni Association



HOMECOMING COORDINATOR

Dear Alumni and Friends of Oakwood College

Welcome to the 101st year of Oakwood College! and the first year of Dr. Delbert Baker, tenth President. History surrounds Oakwood, and your presence this weekend adds to the fine tradition of excitement, fun, and worship that we have come to expect during our annual alumni homecoming weekend.

Your **generous** financial support is solicited and needed to cover weekend expenses and provide scholarship funds for Oakwood students. The classes of the sevens, and anniversary classes 1987, 1972 and 1947 should give special thank offerings. Each person present is asked to give an offering of $25 or more Sabbath morning. Begin the first year of the second centennial with the largest offering ever collected for alumni homecoming weekend. This is my challenge to you!

Please review the Calendar of Events for the weekend and make your selection for the activities and events. Activities on campus Sunday beginning at 7:00 a.m. will satisfy your fun, food, souvenir and other needs. Planned entertainment will be near the steps of the Gym and Moran Hall sporadically from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Don't miss it. I'll be there!

We pray for your safe arrival. God bless Oakwood, every alumni and friend, and all aspect of our annual homecoming weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Lovey D. Verdun



It is my pleasure to extend special greetings to our wonderful alumni and supporters. Last year we were blessed to celebrate the college's centennial birthday. However, this year we are privileged to commemorate the beginning of the college's one hundredth and first year of service. It is also our distinctive privilege to welcome the dynamic leadership that we enjoy under our new president, Dr. Delbert Baker.

The homecoming weekend has been planned with you in mind. Mrs. Lovely Verdun, the National Alumni Association's Homecoming Coordinator, and her staff of assistants are to be commended for the splendid work they have done to insure a meaningful and enjoyable celebration. The program is replete with music that has made Oakwood College world renowned. Also, powerful preachers have been retained to thrill our hearts and to point our imagination to celestial realms. The programs are planned to allow you quality time to enjoy the revitalization of long-lasting friendships and the display of the multifaceted talents that make the Oakwood College campus so wonderfully diverse and culturally rich.

On behalf of the Oakwood College family - students, faculty, and staff - I again bid you welcome. Please visit the alumni office in historic East Hall before departing. We are very interested in your review of the weekend and the yearly services we perform. Come and visit with us!

Fred A. Pullins
Director of Alumni Relations

National Alumni Association Honorees

Alumna of the Year . . . . . Linda L. Ammons, Esq.

Alumnus of the Year . . . . . Pastor Robert L. Woodfork

Family of the Year . . . . . Mrs. Emily M. Lister

President's Award . . . . . Pastor Stephen P. Ruff

Certificate of Merit Honorees

Allegheny East . . . . . Dr. Melva J. Brown

Allegheny West . . . . . Mrs. Shirley R. Benton

Lake Region . . . . . Mrs. Sylvia D. Ham-Ying

Northeastern . . . . . Mrs. Carolyn Antonio

Pacific Union . . . . . Pastor Marc K. Woodson

South Atlantic . . . . . Mrs. Lucy M. Parlor

South Central . . . . . Mrs. Lovey D. Verdun

Southeastern . . . . . Dr. Eric A. Moore

Southwest Region . . . . . Mrs. Lilbourne A. Thompson

Life Time Members 1997

Mr. Willie Bagby
Dr. Delbert W. Baker
Mrs. Caquese Chaffin
Mr. Robert Darville
Mrs. Joan J. Tynes
Mr. Russell N. Tynes, Sr.

Message Magazine Award of Excellence

Mr. Thompson U. Kay
Mr. Kwame Ronnie Vanderhorst

Vesper Speaker



Educational Achievements

1990-Present	D.Div - Faith College
1986	D. Mi - Columbia Theological Seminary
1979-1981	M. Div. - Andrews University Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, MI
1972-1976	BA - Theology and Sociology - Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL

Work Experience

1981 - Present South Atlantic	Director of Family Health Education Service (FHES) and Publishing, Department for
1981-1988	Publishing Director - Southeastern Conference
1978-1981	Associate Publishing Director-Allegheny West Conference, Columbus, OH First Regional Publishing Intern for North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.
1977	Youth Pastor and Evangelist - Southeastern California Conference
1972-1976	One of the first group of student leaders to help start the Oakwood College Publishing Industry now called LETC.

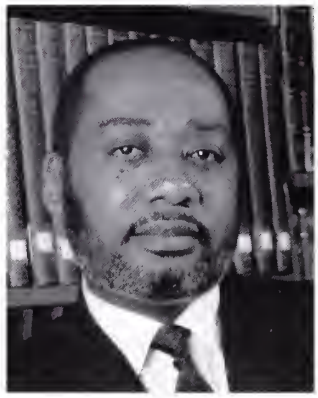
Committees and Boards

1996	One Hundred Black Men of North Atlanta
1994	Operation Reach Back S.D.A. Think Tank
1985	R.C.M.A. - Religious Conference Management Association N.C.B.M.P.- National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners LMC (Literature Ministry Coordinating Board) -North American Division Board of Directors - LETC (Literature Evangelist Training Center) Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama
1984	Chaplain, Fulton County and Atlanta Police Department
1981	Sales Development Committee - Review & Herald Publishing Association Observer, South Atlantic & Southeastern Conference Committees. Executive Secretary for the FHES Board - South Atlantic & Southeastern Conferences.
1980	Associate Director of Ethnic Research for the Institute of Church and Ministry, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI

Recipient of the 1997 President's Award

Elder Stephen P. Ruff

Editor Message Magazine



Elder Stephen P. Ruff is the last of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Titus William Ruff of Fresno, California. He received his early education in the Seventh-day Adventist school system in central California. He attended Oakwood College, and while there labored as a student literature evangelist and student leader for the Oakwood College publishing program. He graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology and a Minor in History.

Upon graduation, Elder Ruff received a call to be the first assistant director of the Oakwood College Publishing Industry. In 1978, he was invited to serve in the South Central Conference as Associate Publishing Director for the states of Kentucky and Tennessee.

In 1979, Elder Ruff answered yet another call to serve as the Director for the publishing department for the South Central Conference. Along with his responsibilities for the publishing department, from 1985 to 1988, he also managed the Adventist Book Center for the conference.

In 1988, the Southwest Region Conference invited Elder Ruff to lead out in the publishing department of the conference. While serving in that capacity Elder Ruff managed to complete course work for and receive his Master of Business Administration Degree, with major emphasis in management, marketing and finance.

The year 1992 brought on a new challenge for Elder Ruff when the Review & Herald Publishing Association ask him to serve as the twelfth editor for the oldest Black religious magazine in the nation, Message Magazine, where he presently serves.

Elder Ruff is a member of the A. Samuel Rashford College Alumni Association, New York City and a Life Member of Oakwood College National Alumni Association.

Since 1992, Elder Ruff, the Review and Herald Publishing Association and Message Magazine have provided the Annual Homecoming Registration kits.

For his loyalty to Oakwood College, his support and assistance to the National Alumni Association he was selected to receive the 1997 President's Award. He is in truth, a loyal son of Oakwood College.

He is married to the former Denise Smith of Hazelhurst, Mississippi, and to this union they have been blessed with one son, Stephen P. Ruff, III.

President Chlora Jones, the officers, and members of the National Alumni Association congratulates Elder Stephen P. Ruff!

--- Edna Lett Williamson
Public Relations Officer

1997 Alumna of the Year

Linda L. Ammons, Esquire

Allegheny West Conference



Linda L. Ammons, Esq., is Associate Professor of Law at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in Cleveland, Ohio, where she teaches Administrative Law, Legislation and Women and the Law. Prior to accepting that appointment, Professor Ammons served as Executive Assistant to former Ohio Governor Richard F. Celeste, from 1988 to 1991, advising him on legal and policy matters in the criminal justice, regulatory and administrative areas.

Ms. Ammons was the principle person in the Governor's office responsible for the battered women's clemency project in Ohio. This project began in November of 1989 and was completed in January, 1991, resulting in clemencies for 28 Ohio women. She has also served as a legal expert for the California legislature and numerous organizations on the subject of battered women. In conjunction with that work, she initiated and has co-chaired for two years the American Bar Association National Institute on Defending Battered Women in Criminal Cases.

In January, 1991, Governor Celeste appointed Professor Ammons to a four year term on the Ohio Public Defenders Commission. Governor George Voinovich re-appointed Professor Ammons for a second year term in January, 1995. She has also been a member of the joint Ohio Supreme Court/Ohio State Bar Association's Taskforce on Gender Fairness, the Ohio Council of Churches Criminal Justice Taskforce, and is on the faculty of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

Professor Ammons has served on the Ohio State Bar Association's Legal Needs Advisory Task Force and the Columbus/Franklin County Common Pleas Court Case Flow Management Task Force. She has also chaired the Governor's Task Force on Female Offenders and the Columbus Bar Association's Media Committee. A native Ohioan, Professor Ammons received her law degree from the Ohio State University College of Law.

Before entering the legal profession, Ms. Ammons worked in the communications field. She was an anchorperson, and talk show host for an NBC affiliate. Professor Ammons has also published numerous articles for national scholarly and popular press publications.

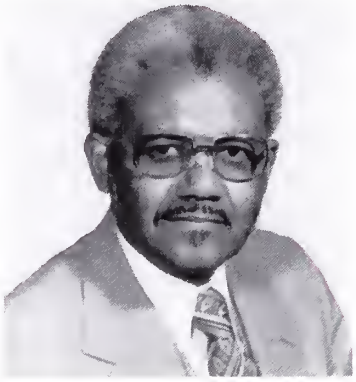
Ms. Ammons non-legal education involves a B.A. Degree in English from Oakwood College in June, 1974, She also received a degree in Communications from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio in 1980.

After moving to Columbus, she joined the Ephesus Church and affiliated with the Columbus Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association. She is a faithful and generous supporter of the alumni chapter and the College Fund/UNCF. She has participated in fund activities, dinners, banquets, "kick-off campaigns", telethons, etc., supporting UNCF and Oakwood College.

The Oakwood College National Alumni Association salutes Ms. Linda Ammons as it's 1997 Alumna of the Year!

Alumnus of the Year

Elder Robert L. Woodfork



Elder Robert L. Woodfork, retired Associate Secretary of the General Conference and former President of the South Atlantic Conference, is a native of Alabama. He received his education in Seventh-day Adventist schools having graduated from church school in Birmingham, Alabama; Oakwood Academy, Oakwood Jr. College and Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska. He later pursued the Masters Degree in Systematic Theology at the S.D.A. Seminary. He was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Daniel Payne College, Birmingham, Alabama.

Elder Woodfork's pastoral experience extends over a long period. Beginning in 1944, he pastored churches in the Midwest, Southwest and in the Southern Union.

In 1952, he was called to Oakwood College as pastor of the college church, instructor in the Department of Religion and Dean of Men.

During the next 16 years of his ministry, he pastored in the cities of New Orleans, Miami and Atlanta. In 1971, he was elected President of the South Atlantic Conference. At that time, he became a member of the Oakwood College Board of Trustees. In 1981, he became vice-chairman of the board and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1989.

During Elder Woodfork's presidency of the South Atlantic Conference, the membership increased necessitating dividing the conference. A new conference, the Southeastern Conference was organized.

In 1980, at the General Conference Session, Elder Woodfork was elected General Field Secretary of the General Conference. However, because of his work of conference division and erecting the new conference office building in Atlanta, he did not begin his work at the General Conference until 1981.

At the General Conference Session in 1985, he was selected Associate Secretary of the General Conference. He served in this capacity until his retirement in 1989, after 44.8 years of denominational service.

Elder Woodfork is married to the former Norma Jean Bedney of Monrovia, California, whom he met as a student at Oakwood. She is a retired Administrative Secretary of the General Conference.

They have three children, all of whom attended Oakwood college:

Robert L. Woodfork, Jr., of Columbia, Maryland
Kathleen Ann Bradley of San Diego, California
Ronald A. Woodfork of Columbia, Maryland

Emily Mae Wright Lister

1997 Parent of The Year



"All thy children shall be taught of the lord" was the watch word in the home of Mora and Emily Lister of Shreveport, La. as they reared their six children : Abraham, Mervetta, Pennie Earlene, Robert and Margaret. Brother and Sister Lister worked untireingly, he as a laborer and she as a nurse, to provide for their children who were the joy and heart of the home. The parents instilled in their offsprings a sense of pride and self-respect. The children were taught to love, honor, trust and serve the lord. From elementary schools to academy and through college, the Listers supported Christian education. No sacrifice was too great; no obstacle too insurmountable for the Listers to inspire, promote, and support Christian education.

Five of the Listers children attended Oakwood College. Today Marvetta serves in the Finance Department of Northeastern Conference. Penney Lister Archie is taking a hiatus from denominational employment while serving as an educator in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Earline Lister-Freeman is a registered nurse, her husband, Raymond Freeman is Director of Information Services at the Adventist Media Center. Robert L. Lister is President of Southwest Region Conference; his wife, Constance Johnson Lister, is an office secretary. Margaret Lister Brown-Miles and her husband Patrick, are health practitioners at Kaizer Permanante Foundation.

Sister Lister enjoys her grandchildren: Sandie, Zephon, Rolanda, Martin, Raymond, Randall, Hashaye, Xavier - all products of Christian education and Christian homes.

Our honoree, Emily, now 81 years "young" resides with her daughter, Pennie and lives a full life gardening, traveling, cooking, quilting, and embroidering. She witnesses through home visits, telephone calls, letter writing, and sending cards, She is still blessed with wisdom, a sharpness of intellect, industry, and activity. Affectionately known as "Muh Dear" she is loved by her children and grandchildren who pray that God will continue to bless her with abundant health, strength, and a sound mind. She is a "Mother in Israel."

Certificate of Merit Honoree - Allegheny East Conference

Melva Joan Brown, M.D.



Born the second of two children to Richard and Johanna Brown in Charleston County, South Carolina, Melva excelled in her educational pursuits. She enjoyed reading and writing. Her primary education was received in the public school system, but her religious training was nurtured at home by her mother who made life meaningful in the small community where they lived as the only Seventh-day Adventist family. The family mission statement was "total community evangelism."

Melva earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology at Oakwood College, in Huntsville, Alabama. She continued her education with graduate studies in Biology at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, and the University of Chicago. She earned a Master of Science degree in Physiology from Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California. She subsequently pursued and was awarded the Doctorate of Medicine Degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. She did her post doctoral training at the United States Public Health Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Melva presently serves as board certified internal medicine specialist working with the Johns Hopkins Medical Service Corporation.

Melva's hobbies are travelling, writing and reading. She has travelled extensively through Canada, Central America, East Africa, Europe, South America, and the United States. She writes for personal pleasures on religious issues, and has written for publication several articles in the field of medicine. Her readings are restricted to religious, nonfiction, or medical journals and books as well as poetry of all types.

Melva is a member of the Liberty Seventh-day Adventist Church in Baltimore, Maryland, where she is first elder along with other responsibilities. She attributes her successes in life to a godly mother and a Christian education. Oakwood College was her first exposure and left the most indelible impression; an active prayer and Bible study life.

Melva Acknowledges

"The hand on my back pushing me through unseen doors, uncharted courses, and created opportunities; The hand on my back, comforting me through pains, fears, and uncertainties; This hand is God's hand, and this God is my God."

Allegheny West Conference - Certificate of Merit Honoree

Shirley Ruth Benton



Shirley Ruth Benton was born in Columbus, Ohio. She is the oldest of four children of Earnest (now deceased) and Lois Kelley.

She was educated in the Columbus Public Schools and attended Columbus State College, where her major area of study was Social Work. She is currently attending Park College, studying Business Management.

Shirley is employed by the Department of Defense, and serves as a Financial Specialist for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. She services many of the major Department of Defense contractors who produce missiles, satellites, and other items for the federal government and assists them in the resolution of payment issues, and interpretation of policies and procedures.

Shirley was baptized into the Ephesus SDA Church in 1957, and loves her church with a passion. Her love for young people especially has motivated her to work with various organizations that promote values, vision and higher education, in addition to offering scholarships for our youth to attend the academies and colleges.

She is married to Robert D. Benton, a deacon at the Ephesus SDA Church. They have 2 children, a son and daughter, Valerie Green and LaMonte Waugh and 6 grandchildren. Her hobbies are reading and travelling.

Her goal in this life is to make a difference and see the face of Jesus in peace.

Lake Region Certificate of Merit Honoree

Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying



Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying was born in Washington, D.C. At the age of eight, she left Washington and went to live with her grandmother, Sylvia Ann Deal and great aunt, Maggie Jane Howard in Wilmington, N.C. Realizing the innate qualities of Sylvia, her grandmother and aunt exhibited a strong influence in her foundation and development. Sylvia made her family and friends aware of her intestinal fortitude to excel by singing and playing the piano with exception. Her ability to articulate with amazing clarity enhanced her magnetic personality.

At the age of eight, Sylvia began her life of church, music, singing and playing for her church, Ephesus S.D.A. Church and others in Wilmington, N.C. until she went to Oakwood Academy eight years later. During her teenage years, she played for evangelistic meetings in South Atlantic and South Central Conference for Elder Herman Murphy.

She entered Oakwood Academy her junior year. Sylvia was soloists in the Academy Choir and toured with the Male Chorus as accompanists, under the direction of Dr. C.E. Moseley, Dean of Theology Emeritus at Oakwood College.

She is also an alumnae of Union College where she distinguished herself as an important asset of that institution as pianist and an outstanding vocalist with the chorus and in concert.

Sylvia's background in Music has been extensive. In Washington, D.C. she was guided by the eminent musician, Alma Blackmon while studying at Howard University. She sang with the Howard University Choir under the direction of Dr. Werner Lawson. At Chicago Musical College, she was a prize pupil of the internationally famous Mezzo-Soprano, Esther LaBerge-Ganz. She has earned a B.M. degree in music from Roosevelt University and a M.A. degree in Education, Administration and Supervision, from DePaul University.

For three years, Sylvia was the Medical Records librarian at Dr. Phillips Memorial Hospital in Orlando, Florida. For nearly three decades she has been in the field of education in Chicago, Illinois, Worth-Alsip, Illinois and Orlando, Florida. During those years she freely gave the substance of her wisdom to her students so that their ratings in chorus, ensemble, vocal soloists and instrumentalists performance would be superior in All-City and State Music Competitions consistently. An example of her personal interest was the inspiration given to Sean Harris, a partially-sighted student who excelled in vocal music and was given a vocal scholarship to Roosevelt University.

During her years in Education, Sylvia has served as teacher, chairperson coordinator and administrator. She has received several awards. In addition to her service in education, Sylvia served with distinction as Music Director in Washington, D.C., Chicago, Illinois and Orlando, Florida.

In Lake Region Conference, Sylvia served on the Executive Committee. President Jesse Wagner, one of our most distinguished presidents, invited Sylvia to be one of the principal coordinators of music and directors of the Camp Meeting Choir. She served as coordinator and director for nearly a decade. Sylvia also served in this position with Dr. Charles Joseph, former President of Lake Region Conference.

She has served in many offices in her churches in Washington, D.C., Fort Dupont Park; Orlando, Florida, Mt. Sinai; Wilmington, N.C., Ephesus and Hyde Park S.D.A. Church in Chicago. Her longest length of service has been at Hyde Park.

It was in Washington, D.C. that she met and married Rupert Ham-Ying. They are blessed with three children, Rupert II, Entrepreneur; Phillip, Engineer and Jewell, CEO in Communications.

One of Sylvia s favorite quotations is:

"Today well lived makes every day a dream of happiness and tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well therefore, to this day."

Northeastern Conference-Certificate of Merit Honoree

Carolyn Harris Beale Antonio



Carolyn first saw the light of day in Columbia, Georgia. She is a third generation Seventh-day Adventist. Her mother, Lillian Starkes Bolden, was a tireless literature evangelist, nutritionist, and faithful mother in Israel. Other well-known members of Carolyn; family include Elder Walter Starks (uncle) (and aunts Jessie Perkins Cato, Beatrice Starks, Louise Starks Winston and the late Elder Samuel Stovall, cousin.

Carolyn attended Oakwood Academy and educated her children: the late Sharon Beale, Michelle and Parish Antonio in church school and academy. The girls attended Oakwood College.

Our honoree is a faithful member of Ephesus Church in New York City where she presently serves as a Sabbath School secretary; is an Agape member, an Ephesus hostess, and a volunteer worker in Women's Ministry and Family Life departments. She also affiliates with and supports the NAACP and the College Fund/ UNCF.

Carolyn is an active member of the A. Samuel Rashford Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association. She presently serves as Corresponding Secretary. In August 1996, she was on the Registration Committee during the Alumni Retreat at Garden State Academy. She loves Oakwood and attends Homecoming each year. Youth Congress is one of her delights. She has attended in North Carolina, Illinois and Georgia.

Carolyn is a willing, cheerful and cooperative Christian worker with a lovable personality. She pursues her favorite text: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

Pacific Union - Certificate of Merit Honoree

Marc K. Woodson



Marc K. Woodson is the last of five children born to Milton and Geraldine Woodson of Canyon Lake, California. A native of Southern California and a product of Christian education, he attended Los Angeles Union, Lynwood Adventist Elementary, and Lynwood Adventist Academy. Marc Woodson received his call to the gospel ministry early in life. At the age of nine, while attending an evangelistic crusade with his older brother, he experienced a fresh yearning to do the work of God. This early commitment to ministry would later result in his decision to pursue an education at Oakwood College.

While at Oakwood, Marc was involved with many student activities - serving as the Adventist Youth Society Director in 1987 and President of the United States Movement in his senior year. He graduated with honors from Oakwood in 1988, obtaining degrees in both Theology (B.A.) and Communications (A.S.) with a minor in History.

After completing ministerial training, Marc was invited by the Southeastern California Conference to serve as the associate pastor for youth ministries at the Kansas Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Riverside, California. There he worked under the leadership of Dr. Leslie N. Pollard. He was also asked to serve as an associate chaplain of Loma Linda University at the La Sierra campus — only the second African American to serve in this capacity. As associate chaplain he served as the sponsor for the **Black Student Association** and participated in a Black Mentorship program for students sponsored by the university.

In 1990, Pastor Woodson furthered his ministerial studies at Andrews University Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, Michigan. While there he was blessed to help organize the first African American congregation on the campus of the university. He later received his Masters of Divinity degree from the seminary in 1993.

Returning to Southern California in 1992, Pastor Woodson served as the associate pastor of the Thirty-First Street Seventh-day Adventist Church in San Diego. He became more active in community affairs while in San Diego serving as both vice-chairman and chairman of the board for the San Diego County **Victim/Offender Reconciliation Program** - a church-based system of alternative justice, and served as a member of the **Minister's Alliance of San Diego**. During this time, he also completed his first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Ordained to the gospel ministry on August 6, 1994, Elder Marc K. Woodson presently serves as the senior pastor of the Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church in Riverside, California. Because of his love and commitment to Oakwood College, Elder Woodson set out to resuscitate the Californians for Oakwood Alumni Association — Empire Chapter. He serves as its president. This chapter strives to be the **Best on the West Coast!**

Among his many hobbies and interests, his passions include history, reading, politics, model trains and ministry. For Marc K. Woodson, the key component in life is wrapped up in his favorite statement: "It is important to not only know who you are but whose you are!"

South Atlantic Conference - Certificate of Merit Honoree

Lucy McKinney Parlor



Lucy McKinney Parlor, MPH, Rn.C., ACCC, daughter of Oliver and Lucy McKinney was born in Silver Spring, Maryland, is the fourth of ten children of Oliver James and Lucy Howard McKinney. Along with her siblings who were educated with 7th day Adventist/Christian education, Lucy walked approximately one mile every day to catch several buses and/or street cars to NE Washington, D.C. She exhibited a love for learning and was one of the only two people ever skipped a grade in school by the late Nannie Davis Smith. Lucy's elementary education was completed at Washington Union Academy and high school education at South Lancaster Academy in Massachusetts. Several of Lucy's brothers (Charles, Samuel and Oliver), nieces (Carolyn, Deborah and Janice) and nephews (Anthony and Brian) have attended and/or graduated from Oakwood College. Two nephews currently attending are James Dion McKinney and Oliver James McKinney III.

Lucy's professional education includes: 1) brief attendance at Atlantic Union College, 2) valedictorian graduate of Regional School of Nursing in Albuquerque, New Mexico (RN Degree), (3) graduate of Andrews University (BSN Degree), 4) graduate of the School of Public Health at University of Michigan (where she utilized a US Public Health Grant) with a Master's Degree in Public Health (MPH) in two areas — Public Health Administration and Maternal & Child Health Nursing, 5) Multiple post-graduate workshops and courses including some at Emory University. She holds **national certifications** in Medical-Surgical Nursing, Gerontological Nursing, Community Health Nursing and Advanced Competency in Continuity of Care.

Lucy lived in Flint, Michigan for the five years following graduation where she was active in local church functions and the Motor City Youth Federation as First Vice President. After working a short while as a Nursing Supervisor at the County Health Department, she later became Director of the Maternal & Child Health Department at Mott Children's Health Center.

Since moving to Atlanta, Lucy has held positions in private, state and federal governments in the areas of Risk Management, Consultant, Educator, Quality Assurance, Social Work Service and nursing in all levels of a hospital, with increasing levels of responsibility. One of the hospitals in which she worked was Emory Adventist Hospital (formerly Smyrna Hospital). She has conducted workshops in a variety of management and human relations skills. **Currently** Lucy is Community Health Nurse Coordinator at Today's Atlanta VA Hospital where she and her coworkers are responsible for Discharge Planning and arranging Community Resources for veterans needing home health or hospice service.

Lucy loves singing and has sung in many choirs, starting with the youth choir under the late George W. Murphy at the former Ephesus Church in Washington, D.C. She has received accolades and awards for being the leading fund raiser in choirs such as the Sanctuary choir of Berean Church under Alma Blackmon and Opus I with Luther Washington II.

Lucy has continued to be active in various church, conference and community functions including the Master Guide Club. Lucy assisted in forming the Atlanta Chapter of the Association of Black Seventh-day Adventist Nurses (ABAN) and as Director at Large/Area Coordinator assisted area churches with increasing their health outreach programs in the church/community. For four (4) years she successfully coordinated the Annual ABAN Tea for South Atlantic Conference — highlighting health accomplishments to the 7 Metro area mayors — who have yearly given a proclamation naming the last Sabbath of February as ABAN Day in the respective cities.

Lucy assists the Conference Health and Temperance Director with training and technical assistance to Health Coordinators. She has been listed in the (1970) Edition of Outstanding Women of North America as well as a similar book for the state of Georgia in 1984. She has served on the Alumni Board of Directors for Andrews University and is the recipient of numerous awards and plaques for Health Ministry Focus from the community and South Atlantic Conference. She is a 1997 board member of the National Board for Certification for Continuity of Care.

As an only child, her father resolved to rear his children as instructed by the pen of Inspiration. Lucy believes that any of her accomplishments are due to parental influence. This award really is a tribute to the dedication and commitment made by Lucy's parents to Christian education. The Mary Palmer Jackson Alumni Chapter is pleased to have Lucy as a member and we do recommend this award. Therefore, to Lucy and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver J. McKinney, Sr. We Salute You!

South Central Conference Certificte of Merit Honoree

Lovey Ruth Davis Verdun



Lovey is the sixth of nine children born in East St. Louis, Illinois to James and Viola Reid Davis. She received her education at Crispus Attucks Elementary, Lincoln High, Shiloh and Oakwood Academies. She earned two Bachelor of Science degrees from Oakwood College: in 1951 in Secretarial Science and in 1982 in Elementary Education.

Lovey worked for the federal government in St. Louis, MO and Warren, Michigan for a total of 18 years and was a "sought-after-by-name" substitute teacher in the Flint, MI public school system for a year. She was employed at Oakwood College for a total of 21 years as Associate Residence Hall Dean, Dean of Women, Director of Admissions and Records and Director of Records.

Lovey received certificates of recognition, trophies, plaques and stipends for outstanding service. She appeared in several ***Oakwood Magazines,*** including Fall Quarters for 1990 and 1992. She was inducted in Oxford's Who's Who June 1991. She received the Second Mile Service Award May 1994. She was a Colloquium devotional speaker in 1990. She and her family were honored as Family of the Year in 1993 by the National Oakwood College Alumni Association.
She was featured in one of Oakwood's WOCG's Heritage Moments, had articles published in The Dean's Window, Regional Voice, and was a contributing author in the April-June 1992 Collegiate Quarterly..

As Dean of Women, Lovey helped to establish the Residence Hall Living Learning Centers and a Physical Fitness Center in Carter Hall. She wrote a residence hall handbook. She planned untiringly for the well-rounded development of the students. As Director of Records, her efforts were focused on the well-being of, cooperation with, and helpful services to her staff, co-workers, administrators, students and their families.

She served in her local churches as Sabbath School Secretary, Sabbath School Teacher, Sabbath School Superintendent, MV (AY) Leader, Assistant to the Church Treasurer, Assistant Kindergarten Leader, Assistant Earliteen Division Leader and Co-chair of the Caring and Nurturing Committee of the Women's Ministries Department at the Oakwood College church. Currently, Lovey is a Receptionist and is active in Women's Ministries at the Oakwood church.

In 1993, Lovey joined the local Oakwood College J.L. Moran Alumni Chapter and serves as secretary. She became a member of the HARAW (Hunstville Area Retired Adventist Workers) association in September 1996. She is currently enrolled in graduate studies in Elementary Education at Alabama A&M University.

Lovey enjoys reading, singing (she is a member of the Goldentones Ladies Trio), friendships, plants and nature's beauty. She likes to compete in games of UNO, Skip-bo, Scrabble and Ping-Pong. Her life has been guided by three Bible texts: Matt. 18:6, James 1:5 and as a parent, Isa. 49:25. She likes to encourage others and admires people who use their time positively and productively.

Lovey and her late husband, E. Joseph Verdun, have two adult children: Traycee Rene, a graduate student in Community and Urban Planning and Development at Alabama A&M University and Jason Douglas, an employee at Applebee's Restaurant in Hunstville and an up and coming dog breeder of the Japanese Tosa.

Southeastern Conference Certificate of Merit Honoree

Eric Alan Moore, M.D.



Dr. Eric A. Moore, son of Jean & Earl Moore, was born in Hinsdale, Illinois. He is a product of Christian education: Jenkins Elementary School, Atlanta Jr. Academy and Georgia-Cumberland Academy. Upon finishing high school he matriculated at Oakwood College, graduating with a major in Biology and a minor in chemistry. His post-graduate education was at Medical College of Georgia, School of Medicine in Augusta, Georgia where he graduated in 1991.

During, his collegiate years at Oakwood, Earl was a member of the Aeolians, member of Good Tidings, and member of the 1984 softball championship team. He still enjoys all sporting events, composing and ministering in music and Florida wildlife.

As a loyal son of Oakwood College, Dr. Moore was on the distinguished Roll of Honor during the Colleges Centennial Celebration at Homecoming 1996.

Professionally, Dr. Moore's interest in Family Practice began at Florida Hospital where he was Resident Association President, Assistant Director of Family Medicine, and the last African-American family medicine faculty member.

He has the distinction of developing the first Addiction Medicine Program for Presidents at the Florida Hospitals, as well as the first Sports Medicine Clinic.

Presently Dr. Moore is employed by Cigna Health Care of Florida; and also conducts the Family Practice Residency Program.

Dr. Moore's future goal involves developing a visiting lecture series for pre-medical students at Oakwood College, conducted by former Oakwood graduates practicing or teaching in the medical field.

Southeastern Conference is proud to present Dr. Eric A. Moore as its 1997 Certificate of Merit Honoree!

1997 MESSAGE Excellence Award Recipient

Thompson Uriah Kay

I am only one, but I am one.
I can't do everything, but
I can do something
And what I ought to do, by the
Grace of God, I shall do

—Edward Everett Hale



Thompson Uriah Kay, director of Christian Record Services/Deaf Ministries, based in Lincoln, Nebraska, is doing what he can to encourage, motivate, and meet the special needs of those who are hearing-impaired.

Kay's ministry to deaf individuals began while he was in junior high school after he befriended a deaf boy his age. Soon after, he began learning sign language and interpreting for his friend.

"I was just so fascinated by the language that I just kept learning and learning and learning," explains Kay. "The fascination never left me once I met this young man."

His fascination with sign language prompted him to take a formal class at Atlanta Area Tech after graduating from high school. "When I went to Atlanta Area Tech I was fascinated about learning more signs, and I wanted more deaf friends," recalls Kay. "It was an excellent way to share Christ, because a lot of them were not introduced to Christ at an early age," says Kay, who became a Christian while he was in junior high school.

"Eighty-five percent of all hearing-impaired people's parents are hearing, and a lot of their parents do not take the time to learn sign language," explains Kay. "If they do not know sign language it will take them a long time to teach their children Christian values." It's a problem that Kay is seeking to solve through Christian Record Services' work with families of deaf children. The organization teaches these families how to communicate with their children. Moreover, Christian Record Services teaches churches and schools how to communicate with and minister to deaf people.

"His ministry is one of encouraging people never to give up," says Clarence Hodges, vice president of the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and former president of Christian Record Services.

"It is very rewarding to provide a service that is needed," says Kay, who received formal training in the language of signs from Atlanta Metropolitan College, in education and religion from Oakwood College and in education for deaf individuals from Ohio State University.

While Kay was at these institutions earning his associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees, respectively, he was also on the real-life battlefield of service.

While a student at Oakwood he spent his summers at evangelistic meetings as a Bible worker and interpreter for deaf persons. After completing his master's at Ohio State, Christian Record Services asked him to establish a department for deaf individuals. Since becoming director of deaf ministries of Christian Record Services, Kay has traveled to 49 states and five continents ministering to those who are hearing-impaired. He has been a part of evangelistic crusades in Canada, Africa, and Russia, and conducted workshops in Bermuda, the Caribbean, Europe, South America, and the West Indies. He has also published articles and written books about ministering to those who are deaf, and currently serves as an interpreter and counselor for deaf persons in hospitals in Lincoln, Nebraska.

"Ministering to those who are deaf is what the Lord has called me to do," declares Kay, husband to the former Ethel Taylor and father to three adult children—Anthony, Myra, and Sheldon.

The seeds of this worldwide ministry were planted when a junior high school boy decided to do what he could do to advance the work of God.

MESSAGE recognizes Thompson Uriah Kay for his commitment to sharing the gospel to those who are hearing-impaired, and for his service to the church and to humanity.

—Kelly L. Pennick

1997 MESSAGE Excellence Award Recipient

Kwame Ronnie Vanderhorst



"I am doing what I was created to do," says Kwame Ronnie Vanderhorst, cofounder, outreach director, and consultant of Prepare Our Youth, Inc. "This is the purpose that the Saviour laid on me at the age of 4" he further explains about his outreach ministry to youth and families in crisis.

At 4, Vanderhorst proclaimed he was going to preach the greatest sermon the world had every heard. Over the years, however, his focus has changed. He now proclaims that, "my life is the sermon." He learned this way of thinking from his mother, who, he says, daily practiced the principles of love and truth. "She did not put religion over relationship," says Vanderhorst. "She was so balanced," he says, referring to the spiritual, emotional, and social balance of his childhood home.

This environment is what Vanderhorst credits his present-day community-mindedness to. "My growing up was so complete and balanced," explains Vanderhorst. He says his mother was not only spiritual but deeply involved in the community. "We called her the president of the National Society of Volunteers," jokes Vanderhorst, who says he and his siblings were the first inductees into his mother's army of volunteers.

Because of the spiritual balance of his upbringing, Vanderhorst says, "I am able to give my whole life in service." Subsequently, he says Prepare Our Youth is not a job, but a way of life. He has committed his life to setting emotional and spiritual captives free. He says his life's work can be summed up by Luke 4:18: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

Prepare Our Youth, based in Washington, D.C., has been doing just that for the past 16 years. Founded in 1981, Prepare Our Youth is committed to bringing hope and help to youth and families throughout the U.S., Canada, and Bermuda. Among the topics addressed by Prepare Our Youth are rites of passage, violence prevention/reduction, anger management, teen sexuality, African-centered education, parental management skills, educational issues, hip-hop culture, substance abuse, and family relationship issues.

Besides being outreach director and consultant for Prepare Our Youth, Vanderhorst has written three books—*Rearing African Children Under American Occupation*, *Family Matters: Hope and Healing*, and *Whole Brain Parenting*. He also speaks and lectures nationwide.

"We are seed planters," says Vanderhorst of Prepare Our Youth, an organization that has blessed the lives of young people such as Tay Garnett.

"I was blessed by their influence and by their willingness to go out of their way to help," explains Garnett. "They took personal time out of their schedules to mentor me."

Vanderhorst, whose ministerial emphasis is on helping others establish personal relationships with Jesus Christ, is eons away from his youthful days when he was baptized at the age of 12. "All I remember about my baptism is that the water was cold," says Vanderhorst of his childhood baptism. "I did not have a personal relationship with Messiah."

Today, Vanderhorst, husband to the former Janice Patterson, and father of "two beautiful Nubian princess daughters," Porsche and Shalisha, still finds himself in cold water. He says he is surrounded by the cold waters of religious intolerance and apathy toward the inner city. He is not cold, however. His personal relationship with God and his call to bring help and hope to the "hood" keep him on fire.

MESSAGE recognizes Kwame Ronnie Vanderhorst for his untiring efforts to spread the gospel, and for his service to the church and to humanity.

—Kelly L. Pennick.

Vesper Service

Friday, March 28, 1997
5:45 p.m.
Oakwood College Church Sanctuary

Musical
Giovani Johnson
"Virture - Negelle, Karima, Ebony & Shavonne
Yvonne Lewis
Variations

Opening Remarks	Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying Lake Region Conference Honoree '97
Opening Song	Mrs. Gwendolyn W. Foster, Director Health, Temperance & Music Ministries Allegheny East Conference
Invocation	Dr. James Doggett Oakwood College
Special Music	Dr. Eric Moore Southeastern Conference
Welcome	Mrs. Chlora Jones, President National Alumni Association
Announcements	Mrs. Lovey Davis Verdun Homecoming Coordinator
Special Music	Brothers of Nashville
Offering	Elder Nevilon Meadows Member, Oakwood College Board
Scripture Reading	Dr. Michael Ham-Ying Chief Medical Officer Alpha HMO State of Florida
Introduction of Speaker	Elder J. Alfred Johnson, II President, Central States Conference
Mediation	Mrs. Edwinia Humphrey Flynn Allegheny East Conference
Sermon	Dr. Robert T. Smith, Director FHES & Publishing Department South Atlantic Conference
Closing Song	Mrs. Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying
Benediction	Mr. Israel Jean-Leon Oakwood College Graduate '97

Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying, Chairperson
Mrs.Eula Sain Washington & Mrs Winifred Bailey Rivers, Musicians
Song Service - Mr. Benjamin Norris Scott

Sabbath School

SABBATH, MARCH 29, 1997 9:00 A.M. - VON BRAUN CIVIC CENTER ARENA

Sabbath School Reflections

Welcome . . . . . Karen Willis

Special Music . . . . . Teresa Morton

Prayer . . . . . Paul Fryson

Superintendent's Remarks . . . . . Pastor Horace L. Jones

Secretary's Report . . . . . Marie Seard

Lesson Review . . . . . Pastor C.E. Dudley

Special Music . . . . . Teresa Morton

Offering . . . . . Daryl Foster

Ebony Visioning 2000 . . . . . Pastor Calvin L. Watkins

Music . . . . . Each One Reach One. . . . . Lawrenceville First SDA Church
Sign Praise

Pastor Horace L. Jones, Chairperson

J.C. Robinson, Director - Sign Praise

Divine Worship

Sabbath, March 29, 1997 - 11:00 a.m. - Von Braun Civic Center

Parade of Flags

Prelude ..... Holy, Holy, Holy ..... Arr. Steve Mauldin
Orchestra

Introit ..... "The Word of the Lord Holds True" ..... by Adolphus Hailstork
Aeolians/College Choir

Doxology

Call to Worship ..... Pastor Jerry Lee
Southwest Conference of SDA

Music ..... "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" ..... Arr. Peter J. Wilhousky
Aeolians/College Choir and Orchestra

Welcome ..... Mrs. Chlora A. Jones
President, Oakwood College National Alumni Association

Dr. Delbert W. Baker, President, Oakwood College
Dr. Leslie N. Pollard, Pastor, Oakwood College Church
William Murrain, Esq., First Vice Chairman, Oakwood College Board
Mayor Loretta Spencer, Huntsville, Alabama
Wesley Knight, United Student Movement President

Announcements ..... Mrs. Lovey D. Verdun, Homecoming Coordinator
Mr. Fred A. Pullins, Director, Alumni Relations

In Memoriam ..... Pastor J.P. Willis, Chaplain, National Alumni Association
Mrs. Sarah M. Lester, Chapter President, Columbus, OH

Special Presentation ..... Dr. Delbert Baker
Dr. Timothy McDonald, Director of Development, Oakwood College

Hymn of Worship ..... "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" ..... Mrs. Michelle Crawford-Robinson

Scripture ..... Pastor Richard Long
Berean SDA Church, Atlanta, GA

Prayer ..... Mr. J.P. Willis, II
Education Director, South Central Conference of SDA

Choral Response ..... "Fix Me Jesus" ..... Arr. Lloyd Mallory

Divine Worship

SABBATH, MARCH 29, 1997 - 11:00 A.M. - VON BRAUN CIVIC CENTER

Music . . . . . "Calvary Medley" . . . . . Arr. Shelton Kelby
Aeolians/College Choir

Offering . . . . . Pastor Frank L. Jones

Music . . . . . "Total Praise" . . . . . Richard Smallwood
Aeolians/College Choir

Introduction of Speaker . . . . . Pastor Robert Lister
President, Southwest Region Conference of SDA

Meditation . . . . . Mrs. Jynean Palmer-Reid

Sermon . . . . . Pastor Jerry Lee

Appeal . . . . . Mrs. Leslee Christopher-Stevens

Closing Hymn . . . . . "We're Marching to Zion" . . . . . Mrs. Sybil Logan-Buford

Benediction . . . . . Rodney Valentine
Senior Theology Major, Oakwood College,'97

Choral Response . . . . . "God Be In My Head" . . . . . John Rutter

Postlude . . . . . "Toccata From Symphony #5 . . . . . Charles Widor

Mrs. Chlora A. Jones, Chairperson

Dr. Eurydice V. Osterman - Music Coordinator

Mrs. Lillian Redcross , Pianist — Mr. James Wilson, Organist

Dr. Renee Collins-Williams, Orchestra Conductor

Mr. Lloyd Mallory, Director Aeolians/College Choir

Awards Program

Sabbath, March 29, 1997 - 6:00 p.m. - Von Braun Civic Center Concert Hall

Opening Song . . . . . "To Thee Our Dear Oakwood"
Invocation . . . . . Mrs. Violet H. Thompson, '57
Greetings . . . . . Mrs. Udell Darville
Music . . . . . Oakwood CollegeAeolians
Mr. Lloyd Mallory
Presentation of Life Members . . . . . Mrs. Edna Lett Williamson
Pastor Lee A. Paschal

Certificate of Merit Honorees

Allegheny East	Melva J. Brown, M.D.	Mrs. Marie Seard
Allegheny West	Shirley R. Benton	Mr. Darryl Roe
Lake Region	Sylvia D. Ham-Ying	Mrs. Myrna B. McClain
Northeastern	Carolyn Antonio	Mrs. Antionette Garrett
Pacific Union	Pastor Marc K. Woodson	Mrs. Gwyndolyn Collins
South Atlantic	Lucy M. Parlor	Charles Campbell, DDS
South Central	Lovey D. Verdun	Mrs. Elizabeth J.Nunez
Southeastern	Eric A. Moore, MD	Mrs. Ruth B. Stokes
Southwest Region	Lilbourne A. Thompson	Mrs. Christine Herbert

Music . . . . . Aeolians
Alumna of the Year . . . . . Linda L. Ammons, Esq.
Mr. Edward Woods, Jr. & Mrs. Connie S. Mayfield
Alumnus of the Year . . . . . Pastor Robert L. Woodfork
Dr. Charles Campbell & Mrs. Katie Settle
Parent of the Year . . . . . Mrs. Emily M. Lister
Mr. Kenneth Gilleylen & Mrs. Christine Herbert
President's Award . . . . . Pastor Stephen P. Ruff
Pastor Stennett Brooks & Mrs. Chlora Jones
Message Magazine "Excellence Awards" . . . . . Pastor Stephen P. Ruff, Editor
Mr. Thompson U. Kay & Mr. Kwame R. Vanderhorst (Recipients)
Journal Awards . . . . . Dolores K. Etter
Challenge to the Alumni . . . . . Dr. Delbert W. Baker
President, Oakwood College
Music . . . . . Aeolians
Benediction . . . . . Pastor J. P. Willis

Udell Lewis Darville, Chairperson
Edward Woods, Jr. - Plaques
Kenneth Gilleylen - Edna Lett Williamson

Necrology

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"Awaiting the Call of the Life Giver"

Imogene Dozier Allen	Washington, DC	Walter Kissack	Danville, CA
Edna Banfield	Los Angeles, CA	Phyllis Lewis	Columbus, OH
William Beale	Mt. Vernon, NY	Elder Harold Lindsey	Redland, CA
Aldria Bond	Nashvill, TN	Henry Mackey, Jr.	Los Angeles, CA
Sharon Braithwaite	Atlanta, GA	Ralph McDonald	Pittsburgh, PA
Areil Braybyo	St. Pertersburg, FL	Dr. Leonard Minisee	Huntsville, AL
Kellman Brooks	Hyde Park, NY	Royce Mentor	Detroit, MI
Nora Broomfield	Atlanta, GA	Louise Chrislow Murphy	New York, NY
Barbara Ann Brown	Augusta, GA	Warren M. Neil	Columbus, OH
Michelle Brown	Queens, NY	Millicent Moreland Ogletree	Indianapolis, IN
Noel Buckley	Fort Pierce, FL	Dr. Finster Paul	Altadena, CA
Delton Carter	Atlanta, GA	Yvonne N. Powell	Atlanta, GA
Drusilla Davidson	Newberry, NY	Mary Prater	Huntsville, AL
Carmell Dilahy	Huntsville, AL	Ramona Reid	Martinsville, VA
Wiliam Douthard	Lithonia, GA	Alga B. Bland-Roberts	Clerborne, TX
Alberta Dulan	Richmond, CA	Cynthia Nutt-Roberts	Nashville, TN
Mrs. Finnell	Brooklyn, NY	Diedre Robinson	Orlando, FL
Adell Follette	Huntsville, AL	Alma Seard	Greenville, MS
Pearl Giles	Cincinnati, OH	Leslie Slaughter	Columbus, OH
David Godley	Huntsville, AL	Madaline Stanley	Columbus, OH
Sylvia Hartie	Philadelphia, PA	Arthur Stewart	Atlanta, GA
Margaret P. Carroll-Hayden	Washington, DC	Wilhelmena Phipps-Stewart	Orlando, FL
Carl Hayes	Atlanta, GA	Tommy Stewart	Orlando, FL
Harold Henderson	Atlanta, GA	Sylvia Chandler Stovall	Huntsville, AL
Elizabeth Wray Hester	Atlanta, GA	Elder George Timpson	Lincoln, NB
Frances Hester	Atlanta, GA	Florence Morris Thompson	Atlanta, GA
Lawrence Hundley	Huntsville, AL	Rose Thong	Huntsville, AL
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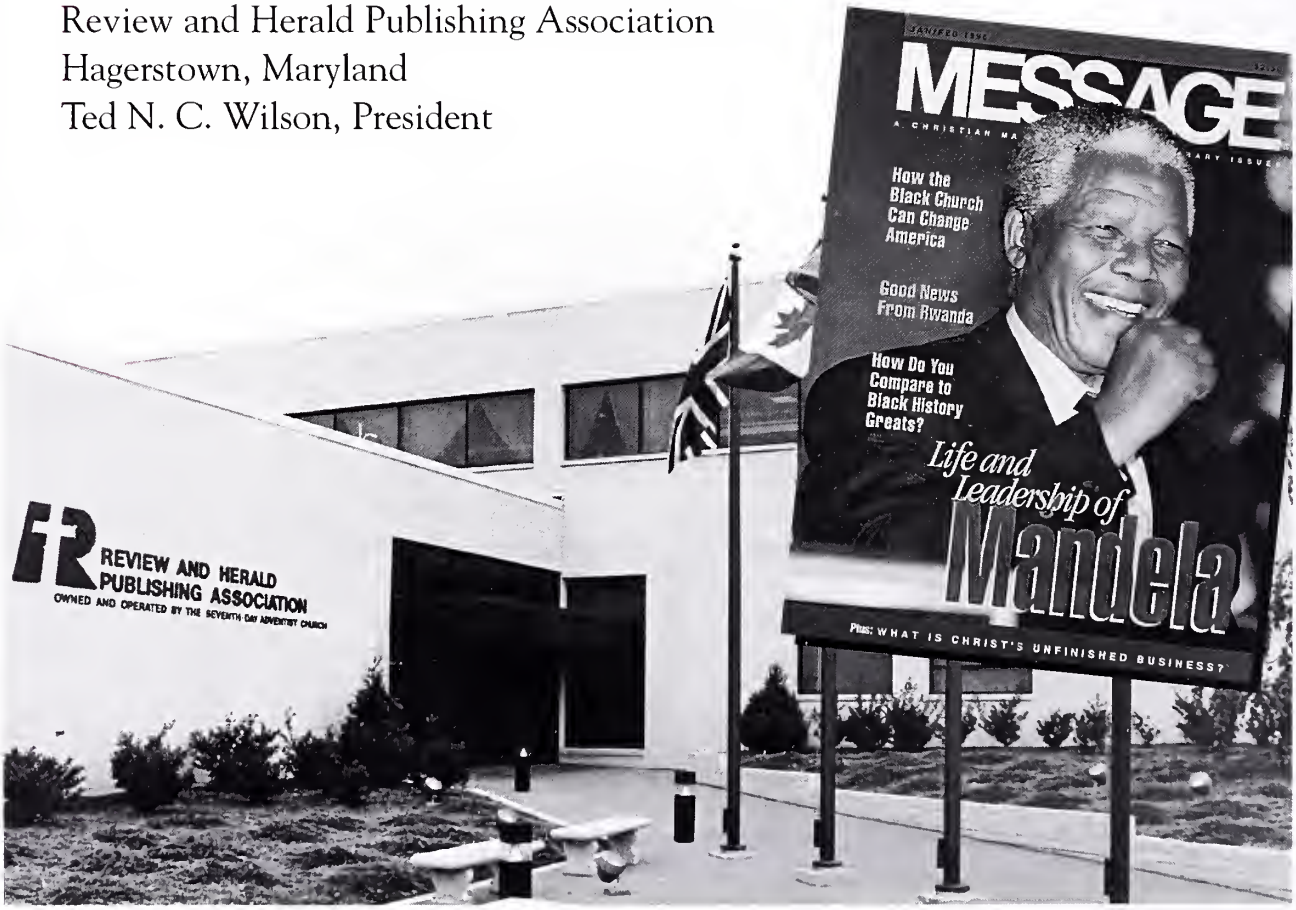


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Time	Events & Location	Coordinator(s)
	Thursday - March 27, 1997	
9:00a.m.	Golf Tournament Goose Pond (Scottsboro, AL)	L. Ross
10:00 a.m.	Basketball Tournament Ashby Gym	Douglas/Paschal
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Assoc. of Black (SDA) Nurses (ABAN) Board Meeting Nursing Dept.	D. Manier
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Alumni Registration Blake Center Mall	D. Etter
7:00 p.m.	UNCF Banquet, VBCC North Hall	J. Ross
	Friday- March 28, 1997	
7:30 a.m.	Basketball Tournament Asby Gym	Douglas/Paschal
8:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament Goose Pond (Scottsboro, AL)	L. Ross
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	ABAN Annual Meeting, Continuing Educ. Conf. Nursing Dept.	D. Manier
8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon	Black Educators' Conf. & Workshops Educ. Dept.	L. Strange
8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon	Rhyne Medical Symposium Science Complex	V. Duncan
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Soccer Tournament, O.C. Athletic Field	M. Selassie
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Alumni Registration Blake Center Mall	D. Etter
10:00 a.m.	NPFAAA Council Meeting Dykes Library Museum	M. Dixon
12 Noon	C-100 Annual Constituency Luncheon Wade Hall	T. Cantrell/W. Hicks
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Alumni Officers' Business Session Blake Ctr. Conf. Rm.	C. Jones
5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Song Service; Music; Vespers (Spkr. Eld. Robert T. Smith, Jr.) College Church	S. Ham-Ying
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Song Svc; Musical Concert: **Past, Present, Future** VBCC Arena	L. Mallory
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Academy presents: No Weapon. VBCC Concert HAll	M. West
7:50 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.	Mini-Concert College Church	R. Foster
8:30 p.m.	LETC: Publishing His Praises College Church	T. Philips
8:30 p.m.	Religion Forum Moseley Complex	C. Belcher
	Sabbath - March 29, 1997	
9:00 a.m.	Sabbath School VBCC Arena	H. jones
9:00 a.m.	Youth Services (Speaker - Elder Nevilon Meadows) VBB Concert Hall	A. Medley
10:25 a.m.	Profiling VBCC Arena	J. Stone
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Divine Worship (Speaker - Elder Jerry Lee) VBCC Arean	C. Jones
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Alumni Awards VBCC Concert Hall	U. Darville
7:00 p.m.	Academy Basketball Game Butler High	Miles/Epps
7:30 p.m.	Basketball Game UAH Gym	Douglas/Paschal

Alumni Homecoming 1997 Calendar of Events

Sabbath Continued

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8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Play - **Amen Corner** VBCC Concert Hall	T. Allen
8:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.	Skating Oakwood Skating Rink	V. Lopez

Sunday - March 30 1997

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Vendor Tents	F. Pullins
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Presidents's Annual Recognition Breakfast Trust Services Wade Hall	B. Robinson
9:00 a.m.	Basketball Tournament, UAH Gym	Douglas/Paschal
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Oakwood Academy Brunch Academy	S. Norman
9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon	ABAN Board Meeting Nursing Dept.	D. Manier
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Academy Fair Elem. Sch. Parking Lot	N. Johnson
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	National Alumni Food Court Oakwood Rd.	L. Batholomew
10:00 a.m.	Soccer Tournament Finals (Reaves Cup) Athletic Field	M. Selassie
10:00 a.m.	Family & Consumer Science Dept., Continental Breakfast Science Complex	R. Davis
10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon	OCNAA Business Session Science Auditorium	TBA
10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon	Social Work Dept. Breakfast Soc. Work Lab	E. Fraser
10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Oakwood History Exhibition Library Museum	M. Dixon
11:00 a.m.	Oakwood College Pathfinder Parade (starting at Eva B. Dykes Library)	D. Mathis
1:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Oakwood College Talent Exhibition Moran Hall Steps & O.C. Gym Steps	T. Allen

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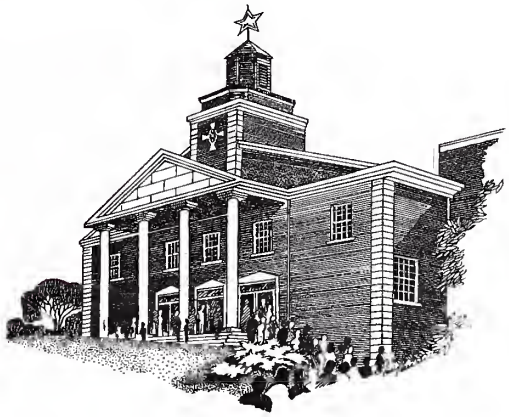
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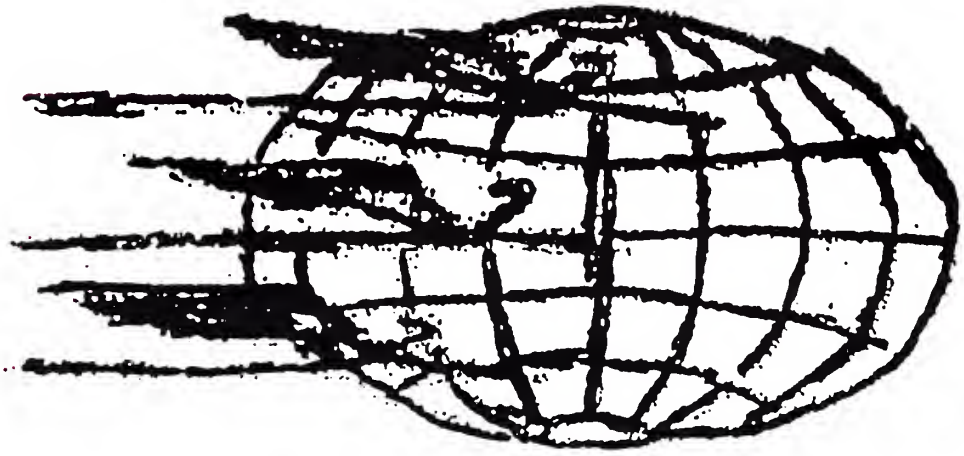


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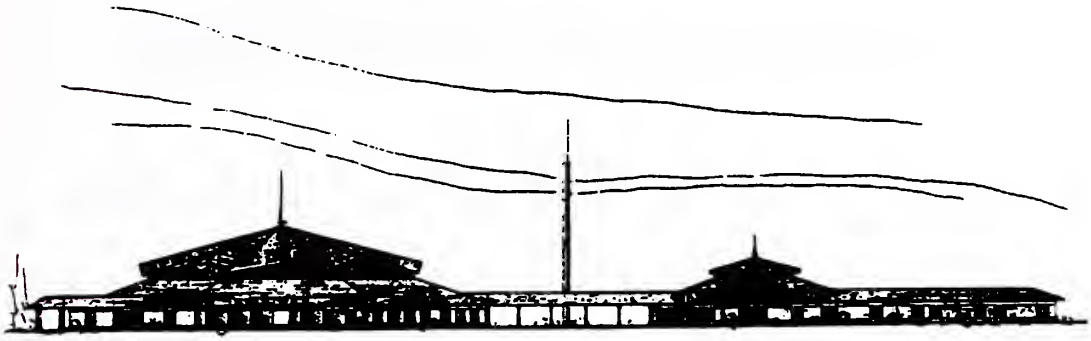
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in whatever you undertake it
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love you most!

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Your wife - Diane
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"Seest thou a man diligent in his business?
He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men."
Proverbs 22:29



*I Proudly*Congratulate*
My Son

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for a job well done

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We, the siblings, are proud of our brother
and

CONGRATULATE

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for his accomplishments and for this honor



"A man ought to live so that everybody knows he is a Christian. . .
and most of all, his family ought to know."
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We are proud of you...

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Your dedicated life
of service and loyalty has been
an inspiration
to many family members,
friends and associates.

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From your family

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Congratulations

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to

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Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight

Proverbs 3:5-6.



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And

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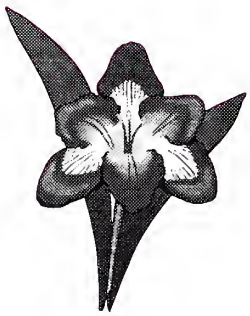
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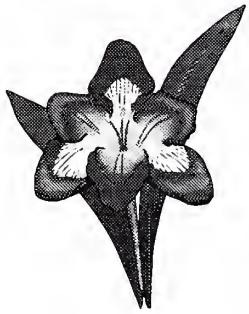
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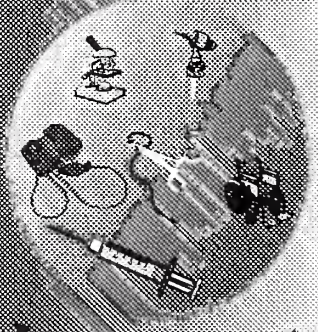
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and

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to

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Continue to be With You

Sincerely

Lysle & Denyce Follette

Robert L. Woodfork

This brings the warmest wishes that ever could be sent and sincere

"Congratulations"

on your fine accomplishments, and here's hoping that your future

- in both ways large and small -

will bring the things you've dreamed about

and

wanted most of all

So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit, it's when things seem worst that you must not quit.
May God forever bless and keep you

Mr. Hubon Shaw

To Our Friends

Elder Robert L. Woodfork, Alumnus
For your dedicated service
and
Continued Commitment to Oakwood College

Elder Stephen Ruff
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Dr. Melva Brown
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For your loyal support in the crusade of Christian education

and to all honorees of the
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"Muh Dear"

Your Children Took a Vote and it
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With Love and Best Wishes

Mervetta Lister

To Our Mother Dear

Emily Lister

M is for the many things she gave me

O is only for she's growing old

T is for the teras she shed to save me

H is for her heart as pure as gold

E is for her eyes with love light shining

R is for the right she's always be

Put the letters together and you spell **MOTHER**

a word that means so much to us

With great love

Robert, Connie, Sandia, Zephon, Rolanda
and Martin Lister

Dear Aunt Emily

I am so very proud of you

and

your beautiful life

May God continue to bless you

My love

Shirley Verrett

Congratulations

and

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to

Mrs. Emily M. Lister



1997 Parent of the Year

You are an inspiration to all of us!

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To
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Congratulations on being chosen to receive the

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Congratulations

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"Praise God for his goodness
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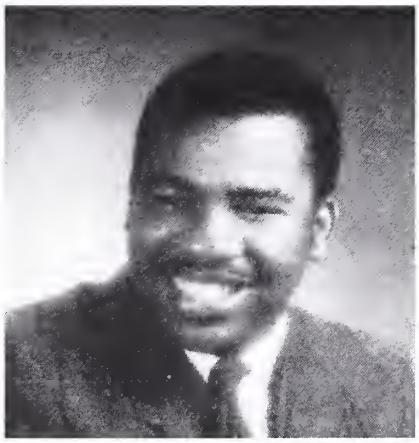
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Emily Lister

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AND
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HAVE BEEN A BLESSING TO
ALL WHO KNOW YOU



May God continue to bless
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THANK YOU!

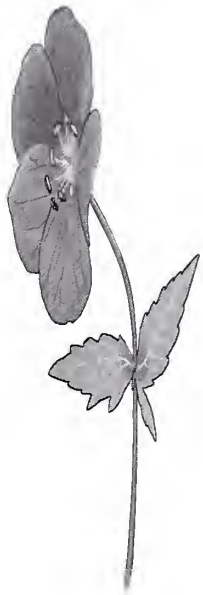
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for her dedication and outstanding service
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and
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CHRIST IN THE SCHOOL
CHRIST IN THE CHURCH
KEEPS CHRIST IN THE HEART
AND
LIFE OF A CHILD
THIS MAKES THE POSSIBILITY
OF A LIFE
FOR CHRIST
AND IN CHRIST A GLORIOUS REALITY
FOR THIS CHILD

I am blessed to have been such a child

Dr. Melva J. Brown



CONGRATULATIONS

to

Shirley Benton

WE LOVE YOU

AND

ARE SO PROUD OF YOU



Love

Your Family

The Greens, Waughs, Scotts & Bentons

Congratulations

To Our Dear Friend

Shirley Benton



We are happy that you have been chosen to receive

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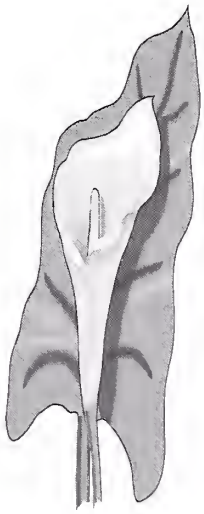
May the Lord bless your
commitment and
dedication to his work

Mr. & Mrs. Otis Vaughn
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Shirley,

Congratulations! I am delighted that you were chosen to receive the Allegheny West Conference Certificate of Merit Award for 1997. A befitting honor for a "jewel" as you. May you continue to be blessed in all your endeavors. I appreciate your love and friendship.

Gloria (Castleberry) Harris
Class of 54-56



You hear their cries
You see their needs and desires
you speak of the reality of greater days ahead
and you strive to give everyone brighter tomorrows

God blessed you to have us;
"We thank God, we have you"

Her children arise up, and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praiseth her.
Proverbs 31:28

Rupert Joseph Ham-Ying II
Philip Anthony Ham-Ying I
Jewell Ham-Ying Lenoir

Congratulations

and

Best Wishes

to

SYLVIA DEAL HAM-YING

from

Russell and Joan Tynes

Jacob and Nancy Justiss, III

Submitted in loving memory of your
Great-aunt Lula A. Smith
and your cousins

Mae E. Justiss Brown
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and
David J. Smith

Compliments and Best Wishes

to



SYLVIA DEAL HAM-YING

for being the selected recipient to receive the
Lake Region Conference
1997 Certificate of Merit Award

In Loving Memory of my father who's early
demise caused a great void in my life.
My dad was a very devoted family man
who could never do enough for his family

A tribute to my mother who has dedicated her life
to her family, with her strength and integrity.
Mother made her family first
and she has a heart of gold that is always
filled with love and kindness.

I continue to give thanks to
God for such loving and caring parents.
As long as mother lives,
I will continue to feel that dad, too, is close by.

A devoted son
Michael A. Blanchard, Jr.

COMPLIMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

to

Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying

For Being Chosen to Receive the 1997 Merit Award for The Lake Region Conference of SDA

A Tribute to My Special Mother With Love

Victoria Bland was born in September 1899. She and Dad (deceased)
were the parents of eight children - four boys and four girls.
Mother sacrificed all monetary gain to remain home and nurture her family,
training them as God fearing children.
Thus, today, she has eight law abiding citizens who are also
candidates as citizens for the kingdom of God.

Mother has always been a believer in Christian Education,
sending all eight children to SDA Academies and Colleges.
She has been a supporter of Oakwood College for over sixty-five years.

Mother became an Adventist in 1922 and is still very active in the church
also working faithfully with the United Prison Ministries International,
which is coordinated by her son, Richard and his wife, Carolyn.

She is a loving MOTHER not only to her children
but to many, many more who love her dearly.

For A Special Mother

"All the TIME is a SPECIAL TIME
when the love in our hears is put into WORDS

This tribute is coming, Mother, as a SPECIAL
loving TOKEN of the GRATITUDE so often felt
But all too seldom spoken—

May this 1997 OCNAA bring you all the SPECIAL
things you dearly TREASURE
And may the years ahead be filled with
BLESSINGS BEYOND MEASURE."

Your loving and Devoted Daughter
Catherine Bland

CONGRATULATIONS

to

Sylvia Ham-Ying

Lake Region Conference Certificate of Merit



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SLYVIA

May God Continue

to

Bless You



as you work

for

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

Love

Pat and Burrell Burns

Congratulations

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OAKWOOD COLLEGE

for providing 101 years of Christian education for our young people

Congratulations

Kevin Avinger

Oakwood College Graduate, 1991
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Congratulations

Mrs. Sylvia Ham-Ying

for working tirelessly to promote
Oakwood College and Christian education



(left to right) Edward R., Britta, Kevin, Jude, Pastor Edward Avinger

Paster Edward Avinger
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Congratulations

and

Best Wishes

to

SYLVIA DEAL HAM-YING

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"Don't underestimate the power of God
when combined with
the power of a
caring person's generosity."

Dr. & Mrs. Nolan Lathrop

To

Sylvia D. Ham-Ying

Congratulations

May God Continue
to
use you in service
and
support to Oakwood College



James & Myrna McClain

The Dixon
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Congratulations

Honoree Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying

and the

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on the occasion of
this Thirtieth
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Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying

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SYLVIA DEAL HAM-YING

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Thank you for organizing the Messengers Choir. It was a wonderful experience. Your expertise and guidance will remain with us.

We believe and share the words of your favorite text

"For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Luke 1:37

The Messengers

Best Wishes to Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying

CONGRATULATIONS
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As you .. "Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13)

"It all belongs to Christ - our minds, our energies, our personalities, our possessions, our knowledge, and our talents. God has entrusted us with all these gifts and more - they really belong to Him, and all the good that accrues from them must go to his glory."
"Occupiers do not spin their wheels and hedge their energies for fear of failure. Occupiers try - and that is what God rewards.

Go On, - p. 28; p.30

May God Continue to Bless Your Efforts

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In loving memory
of my beloved husband.
I plan to meet him in the earth
made new.

Lovingly

Ola B. Hatcher

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and

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to



Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying

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"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary;
and they shall walk and not faint."
Isaiah 40:31

Gloria Thorrill

Congratulations

Honoree Sylvia D. Ham-Ying

In memory of

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Some years ago at a function in an area spinoff church of "Old" Shiloh, I noticed a very gracious young lady smiling, attending the guests. Her demeanor was in noticeable contrast to that of many young ladies of the times who were re-acting to the then emerging feminist movement.

While perhaps accepting the tenets of that movement, she went about advancing its legitimate claims in a positive and engaging manner.

On the non-threatening atmosphere that obtained, she was able to create a positive mood for her concerns - among them Christian education.

Now several years later, this "gracious lady" Sylvia Ham-Ying, is still at work in behalf of the Christian Education of our youth. We are fortunate to have her represent the Lake Region Conference Alumni Program.

Herman E. Clayton
Shiloh Historian

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to

Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying

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SYLVIA DEAL HAM-YING

Dearest Sylvia:

When I think of the great influence you have had in my life, I sometimes am amazed! You touched my heart and spirit from our first meeting when I was 17 years old. Over these many years, you and I have always stayed in contact. It might not have been constant contact, but we knew we were in each others mind and heart. Your greatest gift to me has been that you were always my own special Cheerleader. When I was down, or felt that I was not worth much, you always were there to lift me to the heights and make me feel like a queen, if only for a day. You saw and see in me things that others did not. You believed in me and knew that I could do anything I set out to do. When I think of your great faith in what God has planned for our lives, I sometimes blush. I who am to be the Faith sharer, receive so much more of that from you than I could ever dream of giving. I will close with one of my favorite verses from Philemon.

"I thank my God, making mention
of you always in my prayers,
Hearing of your love and faith,
which you have in the Lord Jesus,
and toward all God's people.

As you share your faith with others
I pray that they may come to know
all the blessing Christ has given us.
My friend, your love has made me happy
and has greatly encouraged me.

Phelemon 1:4-7

Love and Prayers
Sister M. Lenore Highland, C.S.F.N.
A.K.A. Catherine Highland

Best Wishes

to

Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying

"Each individual step up the ladder of
intellectual development is a step closer
to the stature from which humanity has fallen."
Go On, p.55

Your service exemplifies good stewardship
as you invest your talents to
help many develop their talents
to render service for our Master

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To

Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying

You have always had

a determination

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A special thanks to you

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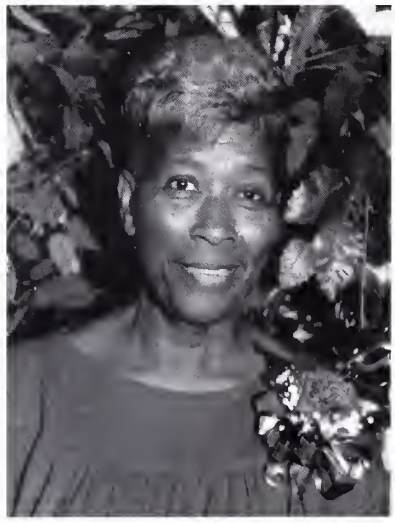
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Love

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Congratulations

and

Best Wishes



LOVEY DAVIS VERDUN

for your years of dedication

and

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It is our prayer that God will continue to bless you!

Love
Frank & Elma Davis



Lovey

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Lovey

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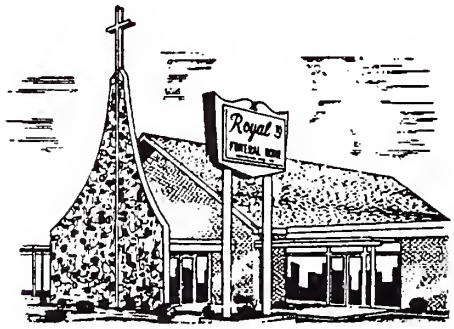


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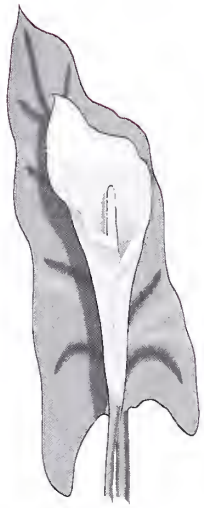
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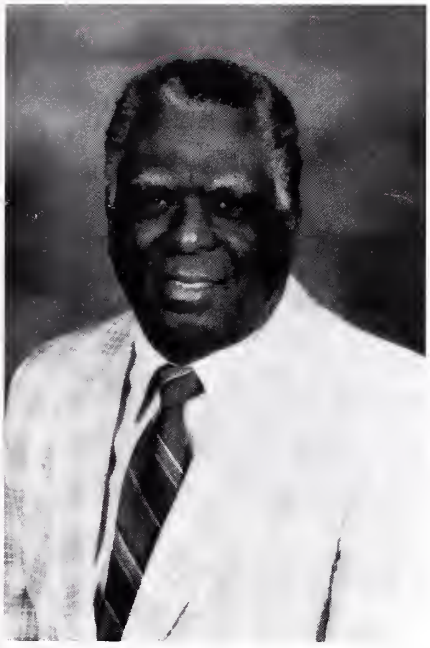
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hard to fulfill that dream

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Press On

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and
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Silas E. Davis.



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WITH APPRECIATION
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Saint Francis of Asisi Prayed

to

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change the things I can not accept
and the wisdom to know the difference."

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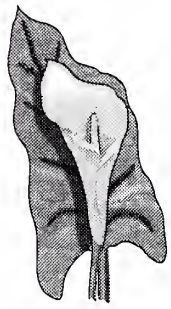
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Love you
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Best wishes

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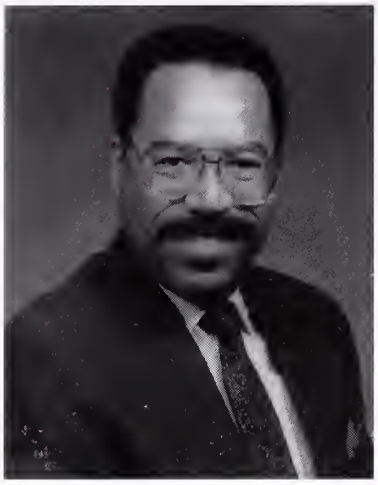
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You're the greatest!

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Sincerely
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Best Wishes
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and
God's blessings
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Parent of the Year

Rose and Frances Goodine

Congratulations!

Emily Lister

Parent of the Year

We salute you and your dedication to the cause of Christ as exemplified by your unwavering support of young people through Christian education.

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Elder Marvin Catchings, President

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By their fruit you shall know them

We may not be personally acquainted with you but we do know and are friends and colleagues of your children.
Their lives, their contribution to the church and to society testify to the wisdom of the committee that chose
you as parent of the year.

Xavier and Yvonne Butler

Congratulations

to

Emily M. Lister

Parent of

the Year Honoree

Gloria and Pamela Meyers

Sincere Congratulations
to

Emily Lister

Mother of our dearest friends

Lovingly yours

The Hills
Marjorie, Roslyn, Marilyn,
Noel and Melvin

AN HONORABLE
COMMENDATION
is yours

Mrs. Emily Lister

For your dedicated devotion
to
Christian education

Calvin and Clara Rock

Best Wishes
and
Congratulations

to one who is
loved and respected

Compliments of Parkland
and
Pauline Lynch

CONGRATULATIONS

my

"Muh Dearie"

on being Parent of the Year

No one deserves this honor
more than you
I love you very much

Your other daughter

Gloria

Sylvia D. Ham-Ying

"A More Deserving Selection
Could Not Have Been Made."

Congratulations

Dorothy & Russell Jordan

Our Most Sincere
Congratulations
to

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CONGRATULATIONS
AND
BEST WISHES
on
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Honoree For
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Compliments to
Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying
From
Mr. & Mrs. York Godly
God Grant You the Serenity to
Accept the Things You Cannot Change,
Courage to Change the Things You Can,
and The Wisdom
To Know The Difference

Congratulations
and
Best Wishes
to

Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying

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"He who serves his brother best gets
nearer God than all the rest."

Eloise Wagner and Celestine Peay

Congratulations

to

SYLVIA DEAL HAM-YING

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"Consideration for others is the basis of a good life, a good society"

Lisa & Freeman Draw

Congratulations

Sylvia

I KNOW YOU WILL
CONTINUE TO SUCCEED

Your friend
Adeline C. Davis

CONGRATULATIONS
TO
Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying

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"Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul."

Dr. & Mrs. Norman Miles

Congratulations

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Your Christian Sister
Neonia A. Canty

Sylvia

CONGRATULATIONS

on
being chosen
Lake Region Conference 1997
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It is an honor well deserved for the many ways you and the Alumni have encouraged and helped young people in their educational pursuits

Carolyn Palmer - Education Specialist

Congratulations

to
my devoted friend

Sylvia D. Ham-Ying

Thank God for her love and devotion
She is special to me and my family

Susie J. Rose and Family

Roland F. Rose, Juanita Cochran

Congratulations

Sylvia

YOU ARE DESERVING
OF
THIS HONOR

Susie Rose

SYLVIA

Always Capable

Congratulations

Alma Sissac

Congratulations & Best Wishes to

Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying

Lake Region Conference 1997
Certificate of Merit Honoree

"Those who are not looking for happiness are the most likely to find it, because those who are searching know that the secret way to be happy is to seek happiness for others."

Hyde Park Seventh-day Adventist Church
Community Services

Best Wishes

to

Sylvia Deal Ham-Ying

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"We should so live and labor in our times that what came to us as seed may go to the next generation as blossom, and what came to us as blossom may go to then as fruit. This expresses the true spirit in the love of mankind."

Ronald & JoAnn Hardy

CONGRATULATIONS

to

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

and

Sylvia D. Ham-Ying

Continue to preserve
the next generation

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Hos. 4:22.

Gloria Worrill and Taisha Mikell

Congratulations

My Sister!

You deserve the honor

Gods Blessings to you

Your Brother, Frank Wright
and Elise Bellard

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Lovey

Sincerely
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BEST WISHES

Lovey

May God Continue
to Bless You

Henry & Anne Dowdell

Congratulations
to
Lovey Verdun

AN HONOR WELL DESERVED

Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Davis

Congratulations and Best Wishes

to our friend

Lovey D. Verdun

Dr. & Mrs. E. E. Rogers

Congratulations

Lovey Verdun

... That our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.

Psalms 144:12

James & Elnora White

CONGRATULATIONS

Lovey D. Verdun

God Bless You

You are very deserving and able

Minneola L. Dixon

Congratulations!

and

Best Wishes

to

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To "Aunt Lovey"

Congratulations on your S.C.C. Certificate of Merit Award! You deserve it! For all you've done and are going to do.... in and for His name

All my best

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to
Carolyn Antonio

a true worker for the cause

MAY THE LORD CONTINUE
TO BLESS YOUR EFFORTS
AS YOU WORK UNTIRINGLY FOR
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

With love and appreciation
Darleen and Mike Simmonds

CONGRATULATIONS
to
two worthy honorees

Carolyn Antonio
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Compliments of Pecola Lester

Congratulations
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are given in honor
of
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Observing the Past,
Celebrating the Present
and
Anticipating the Future.

This year, we have coordinated the journal for our Thirtieth Annual Homecoming.

Best Wishes to our Honorees, for helping to make this journal a success. Thanks to Edna Lett Williamson and Mildred E. Gill, for your patience, hardwork, and most of all, sticking with me until the job was complete.

To those of you who help sustain us by advertising, and the sponsors, we are truly grateful for your continued support to the Oakwood College National Alumni Association.

Thanks, and may the Lord's blessings continue to be with you.

Dolores K. Etter
Journal Chairperson

To Thee Our Dear Oakwood

Chorus

To thee our dear Oakwood
To thee we shall ever sing
For decades thou has stood
Thy name shall ever ring.
Here we spend our happy days.
And we love to sing thy praise.
And where-ever we may be,
We'll always be true to thee.
Our worthy dear old O.C.

1

Our dear Oakwood within those vale
Thy standards will not fail,.
Our hearts are filled with wondrous cheer
When thoughts of thee draw near.
We love thy pines, thy elms, thy oaks
And campus always green,
The many flowers and distant mounts,
Form one impressive scene.

2

From states afar and isles of sea
Thy students come to thee.
And fain do linger in thy halls
Enlightened truthfully
From nature's scenes they every learn.
And study from thy soil,
Till many more thy works discern.
We'll pray for thee and toil.

3

As happy bird come tin the spring
And sing not for their pay,
Rich, natural melodies they bring
Cheering thruout the day.
We too, will serve thee faithfully
In all we do and say.
We hope in God, we trust in thee
True and loyal we'll be.

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